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Americans Waking Up

The steamship situation is some what brighter. The news that the Matson Navigation Company has already started the construction of a big steamer for Honolulu trade makes it certain that at least some improvement is soon to be made in the service. Add to it the emphatic statement of Spreckels that the Oceanic service is to be resumed and the news of the starting of a great American steamship company in New York, and it looks as if America was beginning to make a fight for the ocean carrying trade. Spreckels made the statement that he had the highest authority for saying that an adequate ship subsidy would be voted at the December session of Congress. A couple of days ago the cable brought a report of organization of a company to give a fortnightly service between New York, Dalm, Port Arthur, Japan and the Philippines. This is a tremendous enterprise. A two-weeks service to these widely separated ports calls for a fleet of steamers, and it is altogether likely that the men who are behind the scheme are relying upon the same assurance as Spreckels was when he stated that a subsidy was certain. This news means, also, that New Yorkers are reaching out for the trade of the Far East, and by no means intend that the Pacific shall have it all. The old Atlantic is not out of business yet.

The subsidy will be the making of Honolulu, as far as other interests than sugar are concerned. It will mean plenty of American steamers, and this means tourists and facilities for the encouragement of our fruit and other industries. Resolutions passed by local business men the other day contained the statement that we have less steamship facilities now than at any time for twenty years past. There is excellent prospect that next year we shall have more than ever before. When Congress meets again to discuss the situation it will have some new facts to face. The withdrawals of American vessels, the decision not to replace the lost Dakota and the tremendous energy of Japanese in their efforts to control the carrying trade, will furnish arguments likely to turn the tide in favor of subsidy.

Doughnut Hailstones

The federal weather reports are usually very dry documents except to the scientists who study them. But now and then they vary from the routine of maps and records of temperatures, and give an interesting nature story. Here is a yarn which has the official sanction of Uncle Sam and must therefore be accepted as true: "A hailstorm visited Corpus Christi Friday, May 31, 1907, during the progress of a thunderstorm. Hailstones of various sizes began falling at 4:38 p. m. (six minutes before the rain began) and ended at 4:54 p. m. All hailstones were flat and elongated, with sharp edges. Many were three-fourths of an inch in diameter the longest way. Some that were examined closely were frozen solid, with crystal ice at center, while the nuclei of others were amorphous ice. A few were found with holes thru them at the center on the flat side, having a shape like an elongated ring or hollow doughnut. It is believed that this form was due to the center being water, or raindrops, that were liberated by the meeting of the sides of the hailstones when exposed to a temperature above freezing. Some of the largest hailstones had water, apparently fair-sized raindrops, in the center, while they were frozen solid on the outside, indicating that they froze after the formation of raindrops, and were not subjected to freezing temperature long enough to cause them to become solid ice. Only a few of the nuclei of those examined contained air bubbles, while many of the small ones were clear ice, making the entire hailstones appear one solid piece of ice. From the observation it appears that the centers or nuclei of all depended solely upon the surrounding temperature during and after the condensation of the vapor in the atmosphere. Those with centers not solid were constructed of only one solid layer of ice over the nucleus, the thickness depending on the size of the hailstone. The peals of thunder and flashes of lightning did not appear to have any connection with the fall of hail; lightning was visible and the sun came out during the latter part of the hailstorm. The wind velocity was light."

John D. Heard From

The Star has received a communication from Mr. Rockefeller. As befits the importance of an utterance of so distinguished a citizen it is nicely printed and bound, though for some strange reason the binding is yellow paper. The first interesting thing about it is that Mr. Rockefeller should at last have thought it worth while to offer any communications at all, and when perusal results in the discovery that it is not an advertisement of Standard oil, nor a price list, nor an offer to buy any wells that may be newly discovered, but is a defense of the Standard Oil Company, we have surely a right to be surprised. Miss Tarbell, Lawson and a score of muckrakers didn't seem able to get "under his skin" at all, and we never heard from John D. while it was being shown that if Rogers and Addicks were not alive he would be the biggest scoundrel on earth. There were only "bursts of silence" from John then, but now—Judge Landis has found the way to his sensitive soul. The judge whispered "29,240,000," and John D. wrote The Star and other papers a letter about it.

The case has been taken on appeal, says the latter, to higher courts "to which we must look for that calm judgment which will rescue the rights of the citizen from the field of public clamor and from the domain of vindictive politics." It sounds like one of John D.'s appeals to the Power above, to which his Sunday school children listen with such rapt attention. John D. proceeds to review the evidence, to decide that he is innocent and that the jury and Judge Landis were wrong and finally to arraign the administration for conducting a persistent and adroit warfare upon him. Then he publishes a lot of editorials which approve his conduct and denounce Landis, introducing them as follows: "What

Tales Worth Telling

Frau Mommsen, widow of the Roman historian, bore the great historian sixteen children, of whom twelve—six sons and six daughters—are still alive. Mommsen himself was so self-centered and engrossed with his ideas that he often passed his offspring in the street without recognizing them. One day a servant burst into the study of the great man with the announcement of the birth of his fourteenth. "It is a boy, Herr Professor," The professor turned, annoyed. "Tell him to wait," he replied.

FINANCING.

John W. Gates says that not all women, but some of them, are very poor speculators, and recalls this incident: "A young friend of mine has a pretty, cousin. He was going to the races the other day, and she called him up on the telephone and asked him to put \$10 on Forest King for her. 'Very well,' he said, 'I'll do it if you'll pay me back.' 'Of course I'll pay you back, you horrid thing.' 'All right,' said he, 'You didn't last time.' 'Oh, well,' said she, 'last time the horse didn't win, you know.'"

PUNISHED.

aKaiser Wilhelm's mother was born the princess royal of Great Britain. Of her childhood days this story appeared many years ago: In speaking to her tutor she dropped the "Mr" and called him merely Brown. Queen Victoria, her mother, threatened her with bed if the offense were repeated. When next morning the tutor appeared his pupil said "Good morning, Brown, and good night, too, for now I must go to bed."

CHIEF JUSTICE FIGURES IN JOKE.

They are having a perfectly jolly time at the national capital these days over a story in which Chief Justice Fuller figures, says Law Notes. The Chief Justice, so the story runs, met an old-time friend, and after passing the time of day, remarked "You are looking exceedingly well. Aren't you filling out a little?"

"No, indeed," replied the wag of a friend. "You probably think so because I'm looking Fuller in the face." Every time that one is told there are hearty bursts of laughter from the hearers.

IDEALS.

He kissed her hand. She withdrew it hastily and gazed reproachfully at him. "I didn't think it of you!" she said, almost tearfully. "I had always considered you a young man with ideals, and—"

THE MEANEST MAN.

He said: "I'm the meanest man in the world; I know I am. I went home the other evening and I was feeling pretty good, you know. My wife didn't say a word, but about 2:41 a. m. I woke up and observed a ghostly figure going through my clothes. I snored gently. In a minute or two the figure drew something from a vest pocket, looked at it in the faint moonlight, appeared to ponder for a short time, went to a bureau, secured something, put it in the vest and came back to bed. I was still snoring. The next morning I found a dollar bill and 40 cents in change in my vest."

"Well?" demanded the listener. "Well, you see she thought I would suspect something if there wasn't anything at all in my pockets, and when she took the ten-dollar note she put in the \$1.40."

"Don't call that so mean, to let her do that."

"Maybe not. But I would have liked to have seen her expression when some clerk handed her back that \$10 Confederate note today."

motive underlies the campaign of defamation need not here be discussed, but for all, friends and foes, it is reiterated that the Standard Oil Company is carrying on a widespread business of great moment to the prosperity of the American people in absolute obedience to the soundest principles of business and to the spirit and letter of the law. Attacks upon it of the kind described are aimed at the nation's industrial and mercantile life.

"It is encouraging, amid the fury of the hour, which assails so many corporations, all organized industry and all wealth, to know that scores of editors through the country, on examination of the facts, have forcibly and clearly expressed their opinion that the greatest wrong has been done to the Standard Oil Company. Following their example, it is sincerely hoped that editors who have passed hasty judgment on the company will also examine the facts and reach just conclusions. That our friends may know more fully how the truly independent are upholding right and honesty, a few editorial comments are appended, following Mr. Moffett's public statement on the Alton case. Each one of the articles and extracts will repay reading."

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